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SUBJ: CODEL BENTSEN

REF: A. STATE 149146 AND OTHERS; B. CANBERRA 4674

1. SENATOR AND MRS. LLOYD BENTSEN OF TEXAS  
ARRIVED SYDNEY FROM AUCKLAND AS SCHEDULED  
ON QF-875 AT 1510, AUGUST 21. THEY STAYED  
AT THE WENTWORTH HOTEL, SYDNEY ON RESERVATIONS  
MADE BY PANAM.

2. AT A PRIVATE DINNER HOSTED BY ACTING  
CONGEN ON AUGUST 21, SENATOR AND MRS. BENTSEN  
MET WITH ANDREW PEACOCK, LIBERAL SHADOW  
MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS, PETER WESTERWAY,  
ALP CANDIDATE FOR SENATE AND FORMER STATE ALP  
SECRETARY AND MRS. WESTERWAY, IAN PRICE,  
BUSINESSMAN, AND MELBOURNE CITY ALDERMAN AND  
MRS. RICE, DR. JEAN BATTERSBY, EXECUTIVE  
SECRETARY, AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL FOR THE ARTS,  
DAVID LAMB, SYDNEY BASED WRITER FOR L.A.  
TIMES AND ELIZABETH CAIN, BCAA, USIS, SYDNEY.  
SENATOR BENTSEN COMMENTED HE LEARNED A GREAT  
DEAL ABOUT AUSTRALIAN POLITICS IN THE EXCHANGE  
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OF VIEWS WITH AND BETWEEN ALP WESTERWAY AND

LIBERAL PEACOCK.

3. TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 SENATOR AND MRS. BENTSEN  
SPENT THE DAY IN CANBERRA. SEE REFTEL "B".

4. WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23, THE BENTSEN'S SPENT  
THE DAY IN SIGHTSEEING AND RECREATION DECLINING  
THE PLANNED MEETINGS WITH AMCHAM AND STATE  
PARLIAMENT LEADERS.

5. THURSDAY, AUGUST 24, THE BENTSENS DEPARTED  
SYDNEY ON GARUDA FLIGHT 899 AT 1100, SCHEDULED  
TO ARRIVE IN DENPASAR AT 1430. THIS CHANGE FROM  
PANAM FLIGHT 811 DUE TO FOUR HOUR DELAY IN  
PANAM FLIGHT. EMBASSY JAKARTA NOTIFIED BY TEL.

6. COMMENT:  
SENATOR BENTSEN SAID HE HAD LEARNED A GREAT DEAL  
ABOUT AUSTRALIA DURING HIS FOUR DAY STAY, WAS  
AMAZED AT THE SIZE OF SYDNEY, THE ORDERLINESS  
HE FOUND IN CANBERRA AND EXPRESSED HIS APPRECIATION  
FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE EMBASSY AND SYDNEY  
CONSULATE GENERAL IN MAKING HIS AUSTRALIAN  
STOP THE HIGHLIGHT OF HIS TRIP IN EDUCATION  
AND HELP FOR HIS SENATE DUTIES. HE SEEMED  
PARTICULARLY PLEASED WITH HIS CANBERRA VISIT  
AND WITH THE DINNER IN SYDNEY. SENATOR  
BENTSEN COMMENTED ON WAY TO AIRPORT HE FELT  
DR. KISSINGER'S APPOINTMENT AS SECSTATE WAS  
GOOD FOR THE CONGRESS, THE WHITE HOUSE AND  
THE FOREIGN SERVICE SINCE "KISSINGER HAD  
BEEN DICTATING FOREIGN POLICY ANYHOW AND  
IT WOULD GIVE THE CONGRESS MORE FEELING OF  
CONFIDENCE IN THE WHITE HOUSE POLICY AND GIVE  
THE FOREIGN SERVICE THE LEADERSHIP IT NEEDED". MARSHALL

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